

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Application No. | : 10/560,452              | Confirmation No.: | 3000 |
| Applicant(s)    | : Andreas LENDLEIN et al. |                   |      |
| Title           | : STENTS                  |                   |      |
| Filed           | : June 14, 2006           |                   |      |
| TC/A.U.         | : 3731                    |                   |      |
| Examiner        | : Thomas M. Mcevoy        |                   |      |
| Docket No.      | : 26538-0016              |                   |      |
| Customer No.    | : <b>24633</b>            |                   |      |

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS FINAL REJECTION**

**Mail Stop: Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2008, the period for reply being extended three months by the Petition for Three Month Extension of Time appended hereto, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments** to the Claims are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.